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Calendar of Events

Thursday - March 1st

General Membership Meeting

Time: 7 pm

Location: Red Cross

4961 Pittsburgh Ave, off of West Grandview Blvd.

Thursday - March 27th

Board of Directors Meeting

Time: 7 pm

Location: Red Cross

4961 Pittsburgh Ave, off of West Grandview Blvd.

It's Membership Renewal Time!

It's that time of year to renew your membership with the Radio Association of Erie. The Membership dues for 2007 are still the same as is 2006.

Full Membership is \$15.00 with Full Voting Privileges

Associate Membership is \$11.50 with all Privileges except Voting

Family Member is 50% off--Immediate Family, No QuaRAE(Same privileges as Full Family Member)

New Ham membership is First Year No Charge-- All Privileges Except Voting

Life Membership is \$225.00 - Full Privileges

Full Time Student membership is \$8.00 with all Privileges Except Voting

In 2006, The Radio Association of Erie assisted in providing emergency communications at various community events; held various activities at our clubhouse on Wagner Road in McKean such as Monthly Club Meetings, Field Day, PA QSO Party, and hot dog roasts; Completed the installation of two towers at the clubhouse and the list goes on and on!

If you can attend the February RAE meeting, please if possible bring in your dues payment for 2007. If your unable to attend, please mail in your membership dues along with the form on page 5 to Radio Association of Erie PO Box 844 — Erie, PA 16512.

Minutes

Radio Association of Erie
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2007

President KE3V called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Board Members present: KE3V, N3NKKV, WB3DOM, KB3CAT, KB3BAM.

Not Present: KB3JSN, N3ZNP, KD3D, K3LD

Secretary's Report: N3NKKV asked for a motion to accept for a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting as printed in the QUARAE. Motion made by WB3DOM. Seconded by KB3JZL. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: None

Silent Key's: None

New Calls: None

Board of Director's Report: WB3DOM gave a synopsis of the January 23rd meeting. Topics discussed included: Website, Member Directories, Classes, VE Exams, Investments, Technology Showcase at Tom Ridge Center, Audit, Holiday Party, 2007 Activities, Fuel Oil Additive, Council of Clubs

Committee Reports:

Repeater: N3APP reported that the link to 70 has been disabled due to desense to the main receiver at Wagner RD.

Repeater move update: N3APP reported that it has not been approved by St. Vincent's. If we move to that site, there will be no autopatch for a while. The only antenna that will need to be installed on the St. Vincent's tower is the link yagi for 82. The repeater will need to be repacked into a smaller cabinet. The batteries from the clubhouse and the UPS will be moved to the 82 site.

ARES/RACES: None

Skywarn: None

Classes: K3UFG mentioned he is having General classes on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Red Cross. There are presently 7-8 students in the class. Exams will be held Friday Feb. 23rd at 6 pm

K3UFG mentioned the idea of a mass mailing be sent to local technician letting them know about the changes. He said that the Red Cross may be able to split the cost with the club.

VE Exams: KE3V mentioned that VE exams are held the second Saturday of each month at Wattsburg Wireless.

Technology Fair: KC2HVX provided an update about the technology fair at Tom Ridge Center. It will take place on Thurs. April 19th from 4 to 7 pm. Setup will be 12 noon. The event is for students is for students age elementary through high school and are technically oriented. Price for 1 table is \$100. But this amount may be reduced to \$75 pending the approval of NWPAECT. KC2HVX made a motion that that the club participate in the technology fair and allocate up to \$150 for the registration fee. Seconded by N3APP. Motion Carried. K3UFG volunteered to chair committee for this event.

Clubhouse. N3NKKV reported that the fire extinguisher cannot be recharged because of its age. N3NKKV mentioned that he would get prices on 3 or 4 fire extinguishers. WB3DOM mentioned that N3ZNP has to add an additive to the fuel oil because of its age.

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K3PLV DXpedition to Jersey

From March 14 through March 22, K3PLV and K8PT will again be traveling to the country of Jersey for a DXpedition. We will use the calls MJ/K3PLV and MJ/K8PT. This is the 9th consecutive year that we will operate from the island. Jersey is a country located 14 miles from the coast of France and 100 miles south of England in the English Channel. Jersey has close ties to Great Brittan, but is an independent country with it's own currency, postal system, and government. However all amateur radio licenses are granted by the British government. Jersey although located 6 degrees north of Erie has a very moderate climate and the best sunshine record of the British Isles. The major sources of income are finance, tourism, and agriculture. One of the families on Jersey still holds the title to the state of New Jersey. We operate from a three story German signal's bunker built by slave labor during WW-II.



We will operate on all bands 160 through 6 meters including 60 meters and this will be the first 60 meter operation from Jersey. We will operate SSB, CW, and RTTY and will put an emphasis on operating the lower bands. I would like to work more of the local Erie area hams. To find what frequency we are on at a particular time is easy if you have Internet access. A very useful site is www.dxr.org Under DX Clusters you will see DX Summit, DXScape, DXspots, and Ham Radio Deluxe. Any of these should work, but you may like Ham Radio Deluxe best. Various people around the world enter the call and the frequency of a station they think you may be interested in working. Also when we have Internet access on Jersey, we enter our own spots.

You can also use telnet. I use the N3RA telnet cluster. Various logging programs can access this and other clusters. But you can also do it on your PC. Connect to the Internet. Where the address window is, type in `telnet://dx.n3ra.com` You will be asked to enter your call and if this is your first time using this cluster, some other information (this information is not required for use). If you are using a computer with IE7, go to "start", "run", and type in `telnet://dx.n3ra.com` and hit "ok".

There are various commands you can use in the DX clusters, but the one that would be especially useful would be `sh/dx mj` (there is a space between `sh/dx` and `mj`).

This command would list the last several MJ spots.

Microsoft has not fixed the Telnet problem with Internet explorer 7 yet. But Firefox and the older Internet Explorer versions will work and you can get around the problem in IE7 by using the command line. Also you can use many of the logging programs with telnet regardless of the version of Internet Explorer.

Our website is <http://users.adelphia.net/~crahill/> At present the streaming video web camera has a focus problem which we hope will be fixed by the time we get to Jersey.

73, and we'll hope to work you from Jersey, Craig - K3PLV



RADIO ASSOCIATION OF ERIE

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / NEW APPLICATION

Name:	
Callsign:	
Address:	
City State Zip:	
Phone:	
E-mail:	
License Class:	Expiration:
Birth Date:	

ARRL Member? Yes___No___ Send ARRL Member Form ☐

Send QuaRAE as Email Attachment_____, No: Paper Copy ____

Membership Type Requested _____(See Below)

Amount Enclosed \$_____ (Dues are shown below)

Membership Classes

Full Member	\$15.00 Full Voting Privileges
Associate Member	\$11.50 All Privileges Except Voting
2nd Family Member	50% off--Immediate Family, No QuaRAE (Same privileges as Full Family Member)
Full Time Student	\$8.00 All Privileges Except Voting
New Ham	First Year No Charge-- All Privileges Except Voting
Life Membership	\$225.00 - Full Voting Privileges

(See bylaws for complete membership privileges.)
 Contact Frank Graziano at 449-2309 or kd3dfrank@hotmail.com
 Please mail this form with check payment to
 RAE
 PO BOX 844
 Erie, PA 16512

The QUARAE

Amateur Radio Pitched in During I-90 Pile Up

(ERIE) Over twenty Erie area ARES/RACES operators activated following a massive and deadly traffic pileup on Interstate 90 on January 25th. Over a dozen public safety agencies deployed to the scene to rescue persons trapped in the wreckage caused by multiple collisions that occurred during white-out conditions of the early afternoon's heavy snowfall. Travelers stuck on the highway were transported to Red Cross-designated shelters at various locations in eastern Erie County.



ARES/RACES EC Dave Wellman, WX3E, anticipated the situation and contacted operators who had previously agreed to provide communications support at specific locations. When the request came, the operators were ready and traveled through hazardous conditions to assist. Operators contacted the net control operator to provide various agencies with information about shelters and occupants, and were ready to pass each location's needs to the Erie County Emergency Management Agency.

In addition, operators from the West County O.P.E.R.A.T.I.O.N.S. Team informed Wellman that their operators were ready to help if needed, for additional locations or for extended operations. A similar offer was made by Crawford County ARES/RACES.

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Just a Reminder ...RAE Meeting this Thursday!

The Radio Association of Erie Meeting will be held on Thursday March 1st at 7 pm at the Red Cross Office located at 4961 Pittsburgh Avenue located off of West Grandview Boulevard

Program Topic: World Radiosport Team Championship Video

Hope to See You There!!

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Club Repeaters

• Erie
**146.610–
PL 186.2**
• Waterford
**146.820–
PL 186.2**

Club Website:
www.raerie.org

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